

REMARKS

The specification has been reviewed, and a clerical error of the specification has been amended.

On page 2 of the Action, claims 1-6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vaughan. On page 3 of the Action, claim 7 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable.

In view of the rejection and indication of allowability, claim 1 has been amended to clarify the features of the invention. Also, new claims 9-12 have been filed, wherein claim 9 is a combination of claims 1-4 and 7 indicated to be allowable over the prior art. Claim 1 now amended is explained below.

A clip in claim 1 comprises a weatherstrip side member to be attached to a weatherstrip, a window frame side member to be attached to a window frame, and engagement means for engaging the weatherstrip side member and the window frame side member.

The weatherstrip side member includes an elongated arm with flexibility for engaging the weatherstrip having a base portion, and an engagement piece extending from the base portion of the arm and oriented substantially perpendicularly to the arm. The window frame side member includes a holding portion for receiving the engagement piece to slide therein, and attachment means for attaching the window frame side member to the window frame. The engagement means is situated between the engagement piece of the weatherstrip side member and the holding portion of the window frame side member.

In the invention, the elongated arm has flexibility for engaging the weatherstrip, and the engagement piece extending from the base portion of the arm is oriented substantially perpendicularly to the arm. Accordingly, the weatherstrip side member can surely and resiliently hold the weatherstrip, and can be easily assembled with the window frame side member.

In Vaughan, a waist belt construction includes a waist belt flange 18 with a web 30, and a belt weatherstrip 22 having a metal core 42 and downstanding legs 50. The belt weatherstrip 22 is formed by covering rubber or plastic over the core 42. The web 30 has apertures 40 for receiving therein the downstanding legs 50 when the belt weatherstrip 22 is attached to the waist belt weatherstrip 22.

In the invention, the weatherstrip side member includes an elongated arm with flexibility for engaging the weatherstrip. Namely, the weatherstrip is formed separately from the weatherstrip side member, and is assembled therewith when installed. In Vaughan, the belt weatherstrip 22 includes the core covered with the rubber or plastic, and is attached to waist belt flange 18. Namely, the belt weatherstrip 22 corresponds to the weatherstrip, not the weatherstrip side member of the invention. Thus, Vaughan does not have the weatherstrip side member having the elongated arm with flexibility for engaging the weatherstrip, as recited in claim 1 of the invention.

In the invention, the engagement piece extends from the base portion of the arm and is oriented substantially perpendicularly to the arm. In Vaughan, the legs 50 extend vertically from a base of the belt weatherstrip 22. Namely, the legs 50 do not orient substantially perpendicularly to the arm, as defined in the invention.

As explained above, the features now clearly recited in claim 1 are not disclosed or even suggested by Vaughan. The invention is patentable over Vaughan.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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